

**OVID TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
January 7, 2016**

Administrative Offices (a.k.a. Ovid Township Hall)
1015 Baese Ct.
Ovid, MI 48866

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Greg Palen with Pledge to the Flag. Roll call found the following members present: Supervisor Greg Palen, Clerk Michelle Robinson, Treasurer Casie Chunko, Trustee Randy Montague, and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Absent: none. Also present: approximately three visitors.

AGENDA: Moved by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague to approve agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

MINUTES: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Move \$2,112.00 from unallocated funds to Attorney (266-801); move \$260.80 from unallocated funds to Treasurer Expenses (253-740); move \$18.92 from unallocated funds to Drains at Large (445-801). **Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Chunko with amendments noted. **Motion carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Tax collection is ongoing and a dispersement is due to be made, tax collection hours at the hall will vary from week to week (evening hours) please call the treasurers voicemail for information. Sue Palen, Deputy Treasurer, will be available on Mondays only at Michigan Livestock to accept payments as well. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Montague to approve the Treasurer's Report after review and approval of the bank statements, subject to audit, and place on file showing the following account balances: General Fund Checking \$326,252.87; Tax Deposit Account \$476,326.55; Tax Disbursement Account \$388.52; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$286.04 see attached). **Motion carried.**

BILLS: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9583 through #9594 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES:

CEMETERY: Things are in limbo right now. Tim Zwick is no longer a cemetery board member – no replacement for him at this time. Waneta Byrnes is also no longer a board member as she is a City resident now.

OMESA: Ambulance runs: 46 total transports (28 BLS, 13 ALS, 5 non-transports) 483 runs for the year. Fire runs: 8 runs, 118 runs for the year, the fire chief also reported on list of fires and stats for the year. The meeting dates for the year were set. The Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation need to be rewritten – as well as discussion of the board structure moving forward. A DNR grant will provide funds for a second brush truck. The new fire engine is getting decals and such put on, delivery should be after the first of the year.

ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER: Finishing up field work. Working on revising the township database to “retire” the village parcels. The March board of review organizational meeting will be held March 8, 2016 in Mr. Palen's office as that is election day – the BOR will meet the following week.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN: Fly-overs conducted in 2015 (for tax purposes) resulted in dark and shadowy images with which the tech department is working on fixing. The yearly organization meeting was held to vote on officers. The non-motorized facility plan was also approved – this plan needs to be in place every year or road funding from the State STOPS .

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Asked if there would be an increase in the hall rental fee for City residents – this falls under our current structure. Township residents rent the hall for \$75 per day, City residents would now fall in the category of residents in outlying townships – their hall rental fee per day is \$100. The deposit of \$150 remains the same for both groups. There are also resident complaints regarding milk trucks going down Front Street. Residents were advised to call MMPA first and the Road Commission second.

BOARD COMMENTS: Would like a farmer or retired farmer for the Board of Review replacement. It was **moved** by Robinson, to appoint Nancy Hughson as our Library representative – replacing Kevin VanGieson, **seconded** by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn 8:06 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor